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only in this country but in the world. But it's my thought that perhaps something can be done through the state sector to get national attention. And I'm not so naive to believe that that is going to happen unless we have several regional states or all states banding together to do something. Witness the effectiveness of LB 835 that Senator Dierks has done. And so I'm proposing to, at least in the quiet of a studious study through these summer and fall months, I have a very modest amount of \$20,000 General Fund to fund this task force, to build upon a particular Nebraska Corn Growers initiative that they have done to look at farm policy, to try to at least suggest federal...possible federal policy that can at least stand up to the market power of the giant corporations. I'm not automatically implying the giant corporations are bad. It's just that those of us in agriculture at the producer end absolutely have no way to stand up to them. If you are reading at all, you're telling...you're seeing many economists and others worldwide are saying contract agriculture is the wave of the future; that we are simply to bid their doing, sign up with the contracts, and all things will work out well. To me that's hogwash. If contract agriculture was working, we would have better things going for us today than we are. I believe we have to have some kind of ability to stand up and at least take exception to the market power and have an equal footing, at least, in dealing with these giant corporations. You can say, why is there any reason to get large unless you want market power? Market power is the only thing that really speaks in our capitalistic society today, and agriculture producers do not have market power. So if you look at my green sheet, the answers that I would like to have, at least part of the agenda if not all of the agenda, is: The effect of the current state and federal tax structure and policies; main... how we maintain nonrestrictive entry into production agriculture; how we maintain open, competitive markets; what the role of independent producers in relation to large food conglomerates which control processing and marketing of food products; how to safeguard national self-reliance and independence with regard to the agriculture production systems; and maybe, perhaps most of all, what...is the goal of protecting national security interests regarding food security valid and with merit. To me, national food security is the long-term issue that needs to be addressed. If we are going to go eventually to importing all of our food,